

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2015

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	12:00 – 12:30 p.m.
Five "One Minutes"		

**H.R. 527 – Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act of 2015 (Rep. Chabot – Judiciary/Small Business) (One Hour of Debate).** This bill would give the Small Business Administration (SBA) expanded authority to ensure that federal agencies comply with certain regulatory review requirements.

The measure also expands the ability of small businesses and other small entities impacted by an agency's regulations to challenge those rules in court. Of particular concern is that this will not materially help small businesses but in fact lead to redundancy in the rulemaking process and force agencies to waste funds to satisfy burdensome new procedures, impose unrealistic analytic requirements on them, and subject the rulemaking to an additional and unnecessary level of judicial review that could actually prove disruptive for small business. The White House agrees and has issued a SAP stating that the President's senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill.

The Rule, which was adopted yesterday, provides for one hour of general debate, with 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on the Judiciary and 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Small Business, and makes in order 6 amendments, debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. The amendments are:

**Peters/Chabot Amendment.** Adds to the bill's Regulatory Flexibility Act exemption for veterans rights-and-benefits rules an exemption for rules pertaining to service members and predatory lending. The amendment also effectuates limited technical amendments to the bill.

**Nadler Amendment.** Requires analysis of indirect benefits along with the analysis of indirect costs required under the bill.

**Conyers Amendment.** Strikes Section 5 of the bill. This Section grants additional powers of the Chief Counsel for Advocacy for SBA, including the power to intervene any agency adjudication

**Schrader Amendment.** Strikes Section 10 of the bill. The Section creates a duplicative size standard office in the Office of Advocacy without a commensurate reduction in the existing SBA Office of Size Standards.

**Johnson (GA) Amendment.** Exempts from the bill any rule that the Office of Management and Budget determines would result in net job creation.

**Jackson-Lee Amendment.** Exempts from the bill all regulations issued by the Food and Drug Administration relating to consumer safety, including those issued pursuant to the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act.

**Bill Text for H.R. 527:**

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**Background for H.R. 527:**

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## The Daily Quote

"House and Senate Republicans have spent years training their ire on Sen. Harry Reid and President Barack Obama. But now they're clashing with each other. And that poses a challenge for GOP senators' initial strategy for escaping their immigration dilemma, which involves convincing their House counterparts that their aggressive attacks on Obama's policies stand no chance of becoming law. House Republicans so far aren't buying it, saying Republican senators need to fight harder. 'People are counting on them to deliver,' an angry Rep. Michael Burgess (R-Texas) said of the Senate. 'We sent them a bill, and they need to pass it. They need to pass our bill.' With a hint of sarcasm, Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) shot back: 'To pass a bill over here, it takes 60 votes. Unless we can figure out some way of multiplying, it seems to me that we have an issue that is very difficult to deal with.' The back-and-forth speaks to the growing tension between House and Senate Republicans over their attempts to push back against Obama's executive actions deferring deportations for millions of undocumented immigrants... [T]wice this week, the House bill plan has failed to overcome Democratic filibusters in the Senate, and at least two more repeat votes are in the works... What has caused the most consternation among top Republicans is a palpable fear that their party could incur a political backlash if the impasse causes a shutdown of an agency so essential to national security if no deal is reached before the Feb. 27 deadline... Such a funding crisis would come at an inopportune time, senior Republicans say, just weeks after they assumed power in the Senate for the first time in nearly a decade and with national security threats growing from abroad."

- Politico, 2/5/2015